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<p>1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p>3. This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, comprising:</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> sent to the applicant and to the International Bureau a total of sheets, as follows:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis of this report and/or sheets containing rectifications authorized by this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> sheets which supersede earlier sheets, but which this Authority considers contain an amendment that goes beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed, as indicated in item 4 of Box No. I and the Supplemental Box.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> (sent to the International Bureau only) a total of (indicate type and number of electronic carrier(s)) , containing a sequence listing and/or tables related thereto, in computer readable form only, as indicated in the Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing (see Section 802 of the Administrative Instructions).</p>			
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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - ☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
 - ☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the **elements*** of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:

Description, Pages

1-12 as originally filed

Claims, Numbers

1-17 as originally filed

Drawings, Sheets

1/10-10/10 as originally filed

- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing

3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages
- ☐ the claims, Nos.
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*):
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*):

4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

- ☐ the description, pages
- ☐ the claims, Nos.
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*):
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*):

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	1-17
	No: Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	1-17
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-17
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7):

see separate sheet

V Reasoned statement

1 Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: US-A-4,611,157

D2: US-A-6,222,335

D3: US-A-4,772,839

2 The present application does not meet the criteria of Article 33(1) PCT, because the subject-matter of claim 1 does not involve an inventive step in the sense of Article 33(3) PCT.

The document D1 is regarded as being the closest prior art to the subject-matter of claim 1 discloses a method of compensating for the angular position of energisation of a phase winding in a switched reluctance machine according to the DC link current.

2.1 The subject-matter of claim 1 therefore differs from this known method in that DC link voltage is used in place of DC link current.

The problem to be solved by the present invention may therefore be regarded as how to improve the prior art control of SR machines.

2.2 The solution proposed in claim 1 of the present application cannot be considered as involving an inventive step (Article 33(3) PCT) for the following reasons since the skilled person already has an indication to monitor the DC link voltage for use in compensation schemes for speed and torque (see applicant's own cited prior art) and also D2 and D3. D2 show a method for compensation for low DC voltage for an induction machine whilst D3 shows that when estimating the rotor position in an SR machine that the DC link voltage must not vary outside a particular threshold for reliable estimation.

Thus the skilled person would readily contemplate including DC link voltage into the compensation method taught by D1.

3 The same reasoning applies, mutatis mutandis, to the subject-matter of the corresponding independent claim 9 which therefore is also considered not inventive.

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- 4 Dependent claims 2-8 and 10 to 17 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the requirements of the PCT in respect of inventive step, see documents D1, D2 and D3 and the corresponding passages cited in the search report.
- 5 It is also noted that the applicant's own cited prior art may be considered as removing the novelty of claim 1 and 9. The applicant concedes in the last sentence of page 1 of the description that a compensated speed and compensated torque value are taught in the cited prior art. However if it is possible to interpret this compensated value as yielding a "predetermined correction to the angular position of energisation of the phase winding" then such an interpretation of the prior art would remove the novelty of independent claims 1 and 9.